

FYI

Metropolitan Areas. Four out of five Americans live in or near a city, more specifically in a metropolitan area. The Census Bureau compiles population data for areas around cities several ways. Population is counted strictly within the city limits, by counties included in metropolitan areas, as well as by urbanized areas--which are a more localized geography, determined down to the census block or block group. Engineers plan roads, amenities, utilities, and other features of modern living by consulting the population growth in these various geographies. Source: Geographic Areas Reference Manual

Cities with Populations of 1 Million or More in 2003, Ranked by Growth Rate

City	1990	2003	Change Number	1990 to 2003 Percent Change
Phoenix city, Arizona	988,015	1,388,416	400,401	41
San Antonio city, Texas	976,514	1,214,725	238,211	24.4
Houston city, Texas	1,654,348	2,009,690	355,342	21.5
Dallas city, Texas	1,007,618	1,208,318	200,700	20
San Diego city, California	1,110,623	1,266,753	156,130	14.1
New York city, New York	7,322,564	8,085,742	763,178	10.4
Los Angeles city, California	3,485,499	3,819,951	334,452	9.6
Chicago city, Illinois	2,783,660	2,869,121	85,461	3.1
Philadelphia city, Pennsylvania	1,585,577	1,479,339	-106,238	-6.8

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimate--Cities and Towns

July 2005

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Facts for Features: Independence Day Anniversary of Americans With Disabilities Act					1	2
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Ntl Education Assn 7/1-7/6, Los Angeles, CA			Alliance Comm Media 7/6-7/9, Monterey, CA			
	Independence Day	M3RR (5/05)			MWTR (5/05)	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		RR (1Q/05)	FT900 (5/05)	MARTS (6/05)		
		SEMICON West 7/12-7/14, San Francisco, CA				
	NAACP 7/9-7/14, Milwaukee, WI				MTIS (5/05)	M3 (6/05)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Ntl Assn of County Agr Agents 7/17-7/21, Buffalo, NY			Amer Federation of Teachers 7/18-7/22, San Francisco, CA			
Ntl Council of La Raza 7/16-7/19, Philadelphia, PA			SDC/FSCPE Meeting 7/20, Suitland, MD		Ntl Assn Secretaries of State 7/22-7/25, St. Paul, MN	
Ntl Assn Counties 7/15-7/19, Honolulu, HI						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31			NRS (6/05)	HV (2Q-05)		
	Amer GI Forum 7/27-7/31, Anaheim, CA			Org of Chinese Amer 7/28-7/31, Las Vegas, NV		
	Environmental Sys Research Inst 7/25-7/29, Washington, DC			Ntl Urban League 7/27-7/31, Washington, DC		

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Census Flashback



People in Times Square, New York City, July 21, 1941, during an aluminum drive in support of the war effort. The 1940 Census showed New York's population stood at 7,454,995.

In every decennial census since the first one in 1790, New York City has been the most populous place in the United States. Over the past 22 censuses, New York has averaged an almost 50 percent larger population than its nearest competitor. The race for second most populous city in the U.S. has changed hands four times. Philadelphia and Baltimore jockeyed for second place from 1790 to 1880 until Chicago took over and remained steady as the number two from 1890 to 1980. Los Angeles took over as runner up in 1990 and 2000.

Source: Decennial Censuses of 1790-2000

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